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KENNETH R. WESTERLAGE, et al

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Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

DETERMINING TAX OF A VEHICLE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to the initial review of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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"CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of pending U.S. Application Serial No. 08/437,404 filed May 9, 1995 by Kenneth R. Westerlage, William C. Kennedy III and William L. Hoag entitled "Method and Apparatus for Determining Tax of a Vehicle." and insert